



**N-METHYLPYRROLIDONE PRODUCERS GROUP, INC.**

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Via E-Mail

Ms. Christina Motilall  
Risk Assessment Division  
Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20460-0001

Re: Request for Extension of Public Comments on Draft Problem  
Formulation of the Risk Evaluation for N-Methylpyrrolidone

Dear Ms. Motilall:

The N-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP) Producers Group, Inc. (NMP Producers Group) respectfully requests that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) extend the deadline for public comment on the Draft Problem Formulation of the Risk Evaluation for NMP by an additional 30 days, with comments being due no later than **August 27, 2018**.<sup>1</sup>

The NMP Producers Group includes domestic manufacturers of NMP and was formed to address efficiently and comprehensively regulatory and stewardship issues pertinent to NMP. We have been actively engaged in the EPA assessment of NMP. In 2017, the NMP Producers Group led a large scale outreach effort to numerous industry sector groups to ensure their engagement with EPA in response to its request for information on conditions of use.

An extension to the comment period will provide the opportunity for NMP Producer Group members to conduct a thorough review of the information presented in the problem formulation document, confer with interested trade groups, and develop substantive and meaningful comments for EPA on specific aspects of the problem formulation document.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

Kathleen M. Roberts  
NMP Producers Group Manager

cc: Ms. Ana Corado (via e-mail)

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<sup>1</sup> Thirty days after July 26, 2018, is August 25, 2018, which is a Saturday. Therefore, the NMP Producers Group proposes that the comment period close during the next business day, August 27, 2018.